

26 February 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Conference with Dr. A. J. Jaffe and Dr.
A. R. Eckler

1. Pursuant to your suggestion of 20 February, attached, the Planning Staff today held a conference with Dr. A. J. Jaffe and Dr. A. R. Eckler, of the Census Bureau.

2. They stated that in the course of routine United States census operations, the Bureau automatically learns the census techniques of foreign countries. They are able to produce important population analyses of foreign countries and probably can perform other important services for the intelligence agencies. They have already made contact with State and War, and are planning shortly to call a conference of interested departments in order to explain the Bureau's capabilities. However, they courteously offered to suspend plans for this conference providing the Central Intelligence Group wishes to take the lead in calling it.

Dr. Jaffe was assured that it would be better for him to proceed with plans for calling his conference, and was asked to include the Central Intelligence Group among those invited. He agreed to do this, and also invited the Planning Staff to visit the Bureau and examine firsthand their facilities.

3. No further action by the Central Intelligence Group is necessary at this time. It is expected that an invitation for you to send a representative to the interdepartmental meeting will reach you shortly. Meanwhile, the Planning Staff will initiate further contact with the Bureau as soon as the Information Branch is sufficiently organized.

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